



Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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Opening hours for the Parish Office: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

25th September 2022

Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm.

We welcome Toby Duffy, Tom & Michael Verba, Alexander Joseph and Ryan Mooney into the Christian community. They were **baptized** recently.

This weekend we welcome to our Masses the boys and girls in Sixth Class who are preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next February. They will be accompanied by their parents as they formally enrol for the sacrament.

White Envelope Collection (Development Fund) €1,318.05 **Blue envelopes** €1,453.01

Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Young Adult Retreat (18-40 years) in Dalgan Park, Navan from 7th to 9th October.

“Behold I make all things new”. Prayer, time to reflect, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, friendship in the faith; uplifting talks, peaceful walks. Cost; Donation.

Contact Sr Una on 0906481666 or email youthretreats@gmail.com

Feast of the Week

Monday	Saints Cosmas and Damian
Tuesday	St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday	St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Saturday	St. Jerome

Creative Writing Classes for Children starting Saturday 1st October in Ashbourne from 3pm to 4.15 pm. Duration: 7 weeks. Fee: €60. For details, please contact Sinéad at 087 2737677

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Are you interested in Technology ? **Pre Tech Apprenticeship Course**, suitable for beginners, fully funded by LMETB, starting soon. Call 0879097605 gizmolabs@fit.ie

25 Sept	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Oct	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	James & Patrick Reilly Grace Jordan Jim & Lydia Everard	7.00pm	Robert Brunton Paddy Murphy Patrick Cowley
9.00am		9.00am	Anthony, Mary Kate & Michael Gaughan Maurice Brennan
11.00am	P J Roche John Carey Liz O’Sullivan	11.00am	John & Nora Looney
12.15pm	Cathal Daly Mattie Kerrigan Paddy McDermott Vincent Donnelly	12.15pm	Peter & Mary Moore Sean McGrath Michael Moran

Monday Special Intention

**World Day of Refugees, Sunday 25th September.
Prayer for Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers.**

God, no one is strange to you.
And no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness watch over migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.
Those separated from their loved ones, those that are lost,
and those who have been exiled from their homes.
Bring them safely to the place where they long to be,
and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need,
We ask this through Christ Our Lord, who too was a refugee and migrant,
who travelled to another land search for a home. Amen

Excerpt of Message of Pope Francis for World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The ultimate meaning of our “journey” in this world is the search for our true homeland, the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus Christ, which will find its full realization when he comes in glory.
We must accept Christ’s salvation, his Gospel of love, so that the many forms of inequality and discrimination in the present world may be eliminated.

No one must be excluded. God’s plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built *with them*, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants. The inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God’s Kingdom. Indeed, the Lord says, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me”..

Building the future with migrants and refugees also means recognizing and valuing how much each of them can contribute to the process of construction....

History teaches us that the contribution of migrants and refugees has been fundamental to the social and economic growth of our societies. This continues to be true in our own day. Their work, their youth, their enthusiasm and their willingness to sacrifice enrich the communities that receive them. Yet this contribution could be all the greater were it optimized and supported by carefully developed programs and initiatives. Enormous potential exists, ready to be harnessed, if only it is given a chance.

The Kingfisher. St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Feast Day 23rd September.

I consider what writers say about the kingfishers, the little birds who build their nests on the beach near the sea. They build it in a circular form and so tightly compressed that the sea water cannot penetrate it...

Hear these graceful little birds place their young ones, so that when the sea comes upon them by surprise, they can swim with confidence and float on waves...

I want your heart to be like this: well compact and closed on all sides, so that if the worries and storms of this world, the evil spirit, and the flesh come upon it, it will not be penetrated. Leave but one opening to your heart, that is toward heaven... how I love and am enraptured by those little birds.

St Vincent de Paul, Feast Day 27th September

We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as asking him for them.

We should take as a maxim never to be surprised at current difficulties, no more than at a passing breeze, because with a little patience we shall see them disappear. Time changes everything.

Make it a practice to judge persons and things in a most favourable light and under all circumstances.